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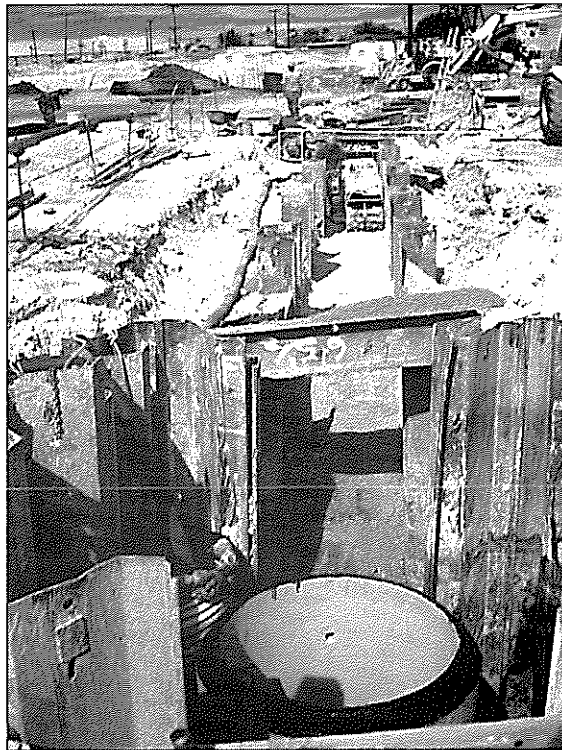


HCDA'S IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT PROJECTS CONTINUE TO UPGRADE KAKAAKO'S ROADWAYS AND UTILITIES

As the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) continues its construction work on the Ward Avenue Extension Project, it is planning to start construction shortly on the Kamakee Street Extension Project. These projects are part of the HCDA's ongoing program to dramatically improve and enhance the infrastructure in the Kakaako District of urban Honolulu.

Ward Avenue Extension

Now under construction, the Ward Avenue Extension Project (Improvement District 6) is the first phase of the development of new and enhanced roadways and utility systems in Kakaako's Makai Area. For this \$8 million public works project, a new roadway is being constructed from the intersection of Ward Avenue and Ala Moana Boulevard to the intersection of Ahui and Ilalo Streets. The roadway and utility system enhancements under construction in the Ward Avenue Extension Project will play a crucial role in the State's plan to transform Kakaako's Makai Area and the waterfront into a world class center of activities to be enjoyed by Hawaii's families and visitors. It will provide the necessary infrastructure to support the creation of a beautiful, active area in Kakaako Makai for recreation, cultural activities, shopping, waterfront restaurants and entertainment. The Ward Avenue Extension Project will greatly improve vehicular and pedestrian access and circulation in Kakaako Makai. Improvements include: the installation of new water, sewer and drainage



structures; construction of the new roadway; new driveways, sidewalks, curbs and gutters; and the relocation and expansion of existing overhead electrical, telephone and cable television lines to new underground systems. The project will also improve approximately 150 feet of Ahui Street, makai of Ilalo Street. The infrastructure and roadway improvements commenced in May 1999. The entire project is expected to be completed in July 2000.

Kamakee Street Extension Project

Tentatively slated to begin construction in November 1999, the Kamakee Street Extension Project (Improvement District 7) is an \$11 million project that will involve infrastructure improvements and a realignment of Kamakee Street (from Queen Street to Kewalo Basin) and creation of a four-way signalized intersection at Ala Moana Boulevard and Ala Moana Park Road. Major improvements in this project will upgrade and

enhance the performance of utility systems and the roadway. The ID-7 Project will construct improvements to the last major segment of the drainage system for Kakaako's Mauka Area. The Kamakee Street improvements and realignment will greatly improve traffic circulation through the Kakaako District and create a new, direct link between Kakaako and the Ala Moana Beach Park. The project is expected to be completed by May 2001.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON PROPOSED ILALO STREET IMPROVEMENTS AND KAKAAKO RULE CHANGES TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER

Proposed infrastructure improvements to Ilalo Street and several proposed changes to rules governing the Mauka and Makai Areas of Kakaako are the subjects of public hearings to be held by the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) on October 13. The hearings will start at 2:00 p.m. in the HCDA Conference Room 1000 at 677 Ala Moana Boulevard (677 Ala Moana Building). One of the public hearings will be on proposed amendments relating to the Kakaako Improvement District 9 (ID-9) Project and the proposed

construction and installation of drainage, water, sewer, and roadway systems, and the undergrounding of existing overhead utility lines on Ilalo Street, between Ahui Street and Forrest Avenue. The proposed improvements in ID-9 Project are considered necessary and desirable to facilitate the renewal and redevelopment of Kakaako. The purpose of the amendments is to establish ID-9 and the assessment to be charged to the property specially benefiting

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CHILDREN'S DISCOVERY CENTER

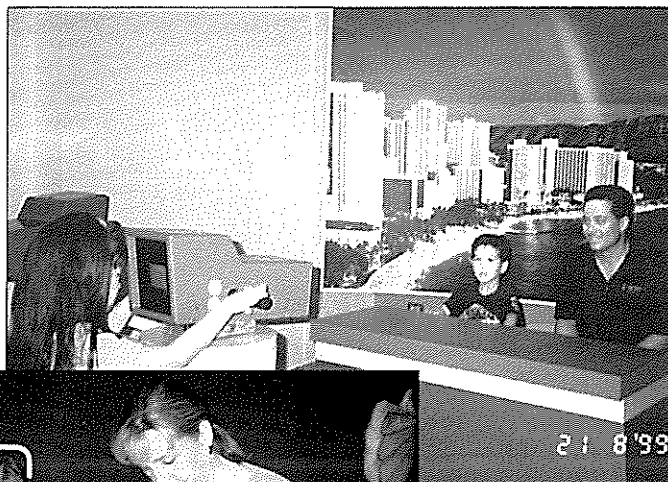
"The House That Love Built"

There are over 400 children's museums in the United States, and now Hawaii has one of its very own. Already the Children's Discovery Center has been touted by many who have visited as one of the *best* in the country! This year marks the 100th anniversary of the founding of the first children's museum, which opened in 1899 in Brooklyn, New York. Every major city in the United States has at least one and, up until 1989, Hawaii was the only State that had none. In that year, a small storefront museum opened in a temporary space in the Dole Cannery Square in Iwilei. The success of that facility was immediate, and it was imperative that efforts were made to find a larger, permanent home.

Today, the new Hawaii Children's Discovery Center has opened its doors to the families and children of Hawaii in the Kakaako Waterfront Park. Fronted by 30 acres of park and the Pacific Ocean, the Center is a "world class" facility on a world class site. According to Loretta Yajima, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Center, "The long road from pineapple cannery to city incinerator has been winding and, sometimes, outright bumpy. In spite of the bumps and twists and turns in the road, the journey has been one that is filled with heart warming stories of personal sacrifice and astounding generosity."

The new Hawaii Children's Discovery Center celebrated its grand opening on December 19, 1998. The tremendous response to its opening was overwhelming, and the reception from friends, old and new, has been heart warming, according to Yajima. "The generous praise for the new Center from local residents, as well as from visitors from out of state, has been resounding!" she adds.

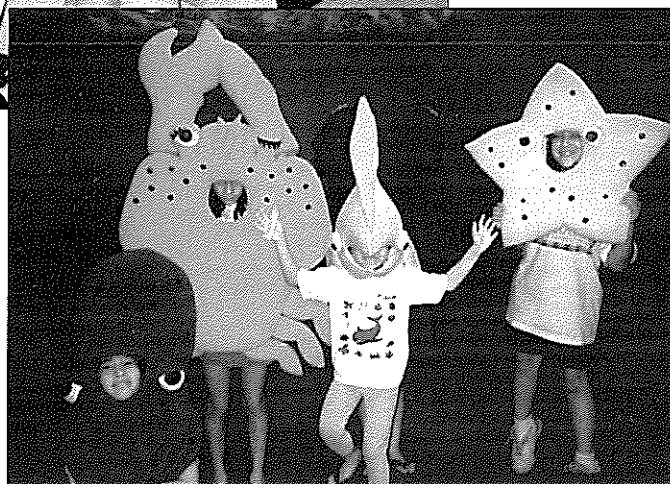
"Opening our doors", says Yajima, "was only the beginning. Attendance to the Center has been strong throughout the spring and summer months and, after a brief respite in September with the beginning of a new school year, staff and volunteers are preparing to welcome thousands of Hawaii's youngsters to the Center through its school group visitation program this fall. Efforts continue to raise the much-needed funds and in-kind donations to



help complete the Center's "Once Upon A Dream" Capital Campaign. An astounding \$12 million has been raised to date, and efforts are being made to raise the additional

\$2 million for start-up operations and an endowment."

Yajima explains, "The tremendous support we've received from all segments of our community — the businesses that have donated their time and money; the workers, artists and professionals who have given freely of their labor and skills; and the board members, volunteers, and supporters — have all contributed to this effort. We thank them all from the



bottom of our hearts!"

"To those who would say the Aloha spirit is no more, I say spend a day with me and I'll show you where it overflows," Yajima says. "Here in Hawaii, where our commitment to our children has remained strong, in spite of these hard economic times, we have accomplished something wonderful here in Kakaako. The children, who are ultimately the beneficiaries of this spirit, will come to our Center and discover—not just exciting new things about themselves and the world but—a Center that was built by the spirit of Aloha. I hope that all of our neighbors and friends in the Kakaako area will come down to visit us too. Grab a kid, or be a kid, we're looking forward to welcoming you to our house...the house that love built."

CHILDREN & YOUTH DAY

1999

...FUN in the
Kakaako Waterfront Park



The 1999 Children and Youth Day, a day of fun and activities that recognize the importance of Hawaii's youth, will be held on Sunday, October 3, 1999 at the Kakaako Waterfront Park. The annual event will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the festival grounds of the Kakaako park.

The Children and Youth Day event, part of a month-long celebration focusing on Hawaii's keiki, is free for all ages and the emphasis is on "fun" according to the event's planners. The event will feature children and family activities, demonstrations, exhibits and entertainment. Food and refreshment booths will also sell treats such as plate lunches, hot dogs and hamburgers, shave ice and more.

Some of the events planned at newsletter presstime are: penny toss, obstacle course, Moving Mountain's rock climbing, giant slide, marble paint-

ing and book making. Other events include: art demonstrations/activities; Jr. Dragster of Hawaii, storytelling, balloon twisting, keiki ID, airbrush face and body painting, Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit 1 (underwater demonstration), and many educational booths. Live student entertainment will include: hula dancing, taiko drumming, chorus groups, dance teams (modern, jazz and hip hop), drama club singing and dancing, ukulele band and Hawaiian songs, and a precision dance team. Brooke Burns and Kala'i Miller, from the hit television series "Baywatch Hawaii", will also make an appearance at the Children and Youth Day from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m.

Free public parking will be available surrounding the event fairgrounds (see map). For more information on the 1999 Children and Youth Day, call 586-6050.

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from the public improvements constructed in ID-9. Property owners, public utility companies and government would share the cost of the project. The amendments include the preliminary assessment report, assessment amounts, plans and details of the improvement, methods of cost allocation and assessment, and the proposed assessment area for the permanent improvement of the streets (curbs, gutters, sidewalks and pavement) and utilities (drainage, water, sewer and undergrounding of electrical and telephone systems) for ID-9. The assessment area district is generally bounded by: Forrest Avenue; Ala Moana Boulevard; Ahui, Olomehani, and Koula Streets; and the ocean.

The hearing on the Kakaako Community Development District Mauka and Makai Area Rules will address proposed changes relating to automatic approval of various development applications if no action has been taken within a specified time period, as required by Act 164 (SLH 1998). Automatic approval within specified review periods is being requested for the following types of projects or requests: Master Plans (200 days); New Projects, including Renovations (160 days); Changes to Historic and Cultural Sites (160 days); Conditional Uses for Off-site or Shared Parking (160 days); Variance or Modification of Rules (100 days); Preliminary Design Review/Project Eligibility

Requirements (60 days); Conditional Use of Vacant Lots (30 days); Zoning Adjustments and Waivers (30 days); and Temporary Permits (10 days). Other miscellaneous amendments of a "housekeeping" nature are also proposed.

Copies of the public hearing items are available for inspection during regular business hours at the office of the HCDA, 677 Ala Moana Boulevard, Suite 1001, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 or will be mailed after payment has been made for copying and postage costs to any interested person who requests a copy. Anyone wishing to request a copy of the public hearing item or submit written comments or testimony should do so at the HCDA office on or before the date of the public hearing. Anyone wishing to present oral testimony at the public hearing should sign up at the time of the public hearing. All speakers are requested to submit 20 copies of their statements. Individuals who need auxiliary aids for effective communication are invited to contact Mark Tiwanak, HCDA's ADA Compliance Coordinator, by telephone at 587-2870 or by facsimile at 599-2613, at least five working days prior to the date required.

KAKAAKO WATERFRONT PARK PROPOSED FINAL MASTER PLAN TO BE PRESENTED AT HCDA'S NOVEMBER 3RD MEETING

A proposed final master plan for improvements to the Kakaako Waterfront Park will be presented to Authority members and the public at the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) meeting on November 3. The meeting will start at 2:00 p.m. in the HCDA Conference Room 1000 at 677 Ala Moana Boulevard (677 Ala Moana Building).

For the past three months, the HCDA solicited comments and ideas from the public on the types of amenities and activities that could be located in the Kakaako Waterfront Park to meet its goal of creating a unique urban park. The goal of the master plan is to create a one-of-a-kind urban park that will feature a unique blending of cultural and recreational activities for Hawaii's residents and visitors. "This will be a long term plan that the State can implement over time," states HCDA Executive Director Jan Yokota. "The plan will provide an overall structure or thematic framework for the Kakaako Waterfront Park so that new amenities, facilities and enhancements can be developed there in the coming years." With public input and suggestions, the HCDA will be working to achieve a first-rate design that appropriately sites and integrates the proposed attractions and a broad range of amenities such as water features, works of art, interpretive walks and gardens, and innovative children's play



areas. The essential goal of the master plan is to create a unique urban park, one that will become an exceptional amenity and resource for the community.

A design competition for the Kakaako Waterfront Park master plan was held in September 1998. Based on the conceptual designs prepared for the competition, the firm of Wallace Roberts and Todd (WRT) was selected to prepare the final master plan. The conceptual master plan was the foundation for the

final plan. WRT selected the Hawaiian fishing net as the unifying theme for Kakaako Makai and the Kakaako Waterfront Park. The net provides a framework for both the Kakaako Waterfront Park and nearby redevelopment areas and it will allow the seamless integration of public and private areas, land and water, and recreational and cultural activities. In this vision, the net stretches over the site, "catching" along its strands the District's major landforms, buildings and plazas, play areas, streets and paths, and the "knots" represent the potential gathering areas. The major cultural facilities are centered around the Children's Discovery Center, creating a critical mass of cultural and recreational attractions. WRT planners will present the proposed master plan at the November 3 meeting.

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